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| X | 9 Sheets of Drawings | | | | | | | | |
| X | This application is being filed without an executed Declaration. | | | | | | | | |
| | Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2000-018480 Application A certified copy is attached herewith. | | | | | | | | |
| JVI | Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and in discussed in the specification or in attached Information Disclosure Statement. | | | | | | | | |
| | A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. | | | | | | | | |
| X | Specification: Abstract X, Description 15 pages; and 11 claim(s). | | | | | | | | |
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